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SUBJECT : FY-76 FIELD BUDGET ESTIMATE - MANAMA

1. MANAMA BUDGET ESTIMATE BEING AIRMAILED 16 JUNE 75. BUDGET
BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOING RATE	QUARTER			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
	101,353	91,581	27,511	80,053

TOTAL \$300,498

B. INCREASES

45,038	11,723	5,691	8,943
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TOTAL \$71,395

C. TOTAL BUDGET \$371,893

2. OUR BUDGET IS BEING SUBMITTED UNDER COVER OF OM QUOTE:

1. ATTACHED IS MANAMA'S FY-1976 FIELD BUDGET ESTIMATE IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$371,893.

2. THE MAJOR INCREASE IN THE FY-76 ESTIMATE OVER THE FY-75
ALLOTMENT IS AN ALLOWANCE FOR INFLATION AVERAGING APPROXIMATELY
25 PERCENT FOR THE YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE
BUDGET ESTIMATE'S "GOING RATE". THIS PROJECTION IS BASED ON AN
ITEM BY ITEM ANALYSIS OF EMBASSY COSTS IN AN ENVIROMENT IN
WHICH THE CURRENT OVERALL INFLATION RATE IS AROUND 30 PERCENT
AND THE COST OF RENTAL HOUSING IS INCREASING ROUGHLY 50 PERCENT
PER YEAR.

3. DUE TO THE EXTREMELY NOMINAL ONGOING SAS COSTS IN
MANAMA (LESS THAN \$100), NO SAS PORTION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN
THIS BUDGET ESTIMATE EXCEPT FOR SCHEDULE IIIA. THOUGH THERE IS
A PLANNED EXPANSION IN SAS HERE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO PERSONNEL
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POSITIONS OR FUNDING HAVE AS YET BEEN ACTUALLY REQUESTED FOR

IT. AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH THE BUREAU, COMPREHENSIVE SAS FIGURES WILL BE FORWARDED IF AND WHEN POSITIVE ACTION IS TAKEN FOR SAS EXPANSION BY THE THREE AGENCIES THAT MIGHT BE REPRESENTED IN MANAMA (AID, USIA, AND PEACE CORPS).

4. THE ATTACHED BUDGET ESTIMATE DOES NOT INCLUDE FIRST YEAR COSTS OF EMBASSY MANAMA'S PLANNED MOVE TO ANOTHER CHANCERY BUILDING IN EARLY FY-76. THIS COST WILL IN PART BE DETERMINED BY FINAL LEASE TERMS, STILL BEING NEGOTIATED. THERE WILL ALSO BE ESSENTIAL EXPENDITURES (OUTSIDE THE LEASE) FOR SECURITY INSTALLATIONS AT AN ESTIMATED \$35660. BEYOND THIS, THERE ARE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR LONG-NEEDED PERSONAL PROPERTY PURCHASES WHICH HAVE PERFORCE BEEN DELAYED PENDING THE MOVE TO ADEQUATE CHANCERY FACILITIES AND EQUALLY PRESSING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OUTLAYS. STATE 138961 SUGGESTS ALL THESE FIRST YEAR COSTS MAY BE FUNDED FROM YEAR-END FY-75 FUNDS. SHOULD THIS NOT BE THE CASE, A SUPPLEMENTAL FY-76 ALLOTMENT WILL BE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO COVER ANY SHORTFALL. UNQUOTE
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